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THURSDAY, - - - - - MAY 9, 1878.

SOME of the Southern papers are publishing affidavits that one or two of Secretary SHERMAN's "timber agents" neglected to pay their board bills. This argument in behalf of the timber thieves, who were exposed by these agents, is unanswered.

HON. W. D. KELLEY is entitled to the floor to-day to speak on the tariff bill. Mr. KELLEY has devoted a large amount of time to a detailed study of the tariff, and his speech will no doubt prove to be one of his ablest efforts. Any other body than a Democratic House of Representatives would be instructed by listening to it.

The southern Democrats don't like the propagation of the Republican Campaign Congressional Committee to send "political missionaries" down South during the fall campaign. They say it will interfere with the cotton-picking. Precisely; but it may also do something in the direction of getting a full and uninimidated vote of the cotton-pickers.

A MILLION and a half of bushels of grain were brought into New York on Monday last, the largest receipt ever known there. Of the immensity of the business being done by the canals just now, some idea may be had from the fact that more than 80 per cent. of this large amount was shipped by that source. This shows an encouraging revival of business.

WHEN the war-cloud between England and Russia first began to darken the Eastern sky the NATIONAL REPUBLICAN took occasion to advise the former that she would find early occasion to defend her Canadian frontier against Fenian incursions if open rupture should ensue between those two great powers. Our prediction seems to have been well-founded. The Fenian storm begins to gather.

GEORGE JONES, the managing proprietor, if not the editor, of the New York Times, is spoken of as police commissioner of New York city. We should think the suggestion a good one. It requires a peculiar kind of talent for that position. If a man is arrogant, impious, narrow-minded, parsimonious, and perchance unscrupulous, they are not regarded as objectionable characteristics of a police commissioner. We hope Jones will be appointed, for he will fit such a niche admirably.

THE push for investigations, based upon McLIN's flight of reconstructed imaginings, does not take very deep hold upon the average intelligent Democratic mind. The Democrats know too much of their own political iniquities to enthrone very warmly over the idea of having them laid bare. The impending cloud is only a wind gust or white squall. It will not prove much of a shower after all. The Democrats are afraid of thunder, and hence they will avoid stirring the elements except superficially.

LET the Democrats enter upon their work of revolution with as many resolutions as they please, it is no part of Republican duty to stand in the way of fair and just investigation. The Republicans in the House should make for themselves a good record by an honest endeavor to open the door of investigation so broad as to cover the whole case, and then let the Democratic defeat that if they choose to do so. Let that be their record, while that of the Republicans must be fearless, fair, and unshrundering. Give the Democrats all the investigation they desire—and more too.

THERE is every reason why Messrs. HENDE, BLACKHORN, and HUNTON, and especially the latter, should receive the grateful acknowledgments of the citizens of this District for their efforts in behalf of the District government bill, which passed the House last Tuesday. It is true they did no more than their duty as representatives in Congress, having charge of District affairs; but to their exertions is due the fact that the House was aroused from its utter indifference to our pressing needs. Their action in this instance will ever command their gratitude of a much-abused and long-neglected people.

THE Cleveland Leader says "the Canton (Ohio) Repository demands that the Ohio Republicans shall, in their coming platform, give the Administration a ringing endorsement, and call upon the Republican papers who think otherwise to take their positions and let people know what they are kicking about, anyway." The milk in this coconut does not lay so deep as to avoid discovery. One of the editors and proprietors of the Repository has just been made Appointment Clerk of the Treasury Department, and he promptly dons his livery. No objection is made, and the matter will stand as recorded.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL KEY'S problematical contribution to the Republican campaign funds is the subject of much speculation among his fellow Democrats. In the interest of conciliation, and of his personal welfare, we suggest that he should make it in Confederate money. The sacrifice would not be great, so his pocket-book would not suffer except in the absence of souvenirs of his salary as a Confederate colonel, while the value of the contribution would be emblematic of the worth of his services to the Republican party whose success two years

ago enabled our dearly beloved President to exalt him as the representative Southern man in his civil-service reform Cabinet.

WHEN EARLY's Confederate forces besieged Washington the clerks in the several executive departments who "marched out" at the head of Seventh street and then "marched back again" earned a title to as much consideration from the Government they aided to protect as our morning contemporaries so willing yields to the valiant patriots who composed those forces. It suits at these civic-military "heroes" is plainly intended to reflect upon the execution of the law giving preference to ex-Union soldiers in appointments to be clerks in those departments. But the law only gives that preference to ex-soldiers when all other considerations are equal.

THE brethren are not agreed as touching something. The Buffalo Courier, one of the most sagacious, intelligent, and reliable Democratic journals in the State of New York, characterizes the late double-lended bugbear of the Democratic organ of this country, relating to TILDEN's not taking the oath of office on the 4th of March, 1877, because he learned of GRANT's determination to arrest him as an instigator of sedition, &c., as "neither true nor well invented." It says:

"The story is made out of whole cloth. Mr. TILDEN's real attitude is too well known for successful misrepresentation of the real facts. He did not take the oath of office because he had not been declared President of the United States under the forms of law."

"It is a suggestive fact that the White House Fraud has not a single upholder in the New York daily press—unless it be the Evening Post.—New York Sun.

A very suggestive fact, indeed; for it recalls the opposition of the self-styled Great Dailies to the silver bill. The truth is, the New York dailies are without any influence whatever in and around Congress, and President HAYES can afford to remain passive in the face of their silence, indifference, or outright opposition. Wall street is not the centre of public opinion in the United States, although it does inspire the policy of New York journalists. Not are the selfish and greedy interests of mercantile and other jobbers of the metropolis safe guides to the public pulse, although the advertising and other patronage of this class is effective in molding the course of the aforementioned journals. The President and Congress look to other sources for a reflex of public thought.

THE Republican caucus resolution declaring the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the Constitution to be the irreconcilable and underlying principles of our post-bellum governmental system should be presented without delay. The debate it will provoke will bring forth from the Southern Democrats a great deal of gush, sham contrition, and bogus patriotism; but it will also develop their deep-seated belief that the amendments were unconstitutional; that they are in violation of the "sacred" principle of State rights; that they should be treated, as they really are in all of the Southern States, as dead letters; and that they do not give to the General Government any authority to enforce their provisions granting new rights and privileges to now-made citizens. But the provision they contain against the payment of any debt for the emancipation of slaves or incurred by rebel communities as the result of their treason will prove to be the most important topic of discussion, and it will have a pertinent bearing upon the issues of the coming campaign.

THE speaking of the singular story that TOM EWING is maneuvering to make JOHN SHERMAN President, with the design of becoming his immediate Secretary of the Treasury, the Washington Register says:

"Secretary SHERMAN could ever become President by any unforeseen combination of circumstances; he would, no doubt, select a cabinet from within the Democratic party and his own blood relatives."

"THE REPUBLICAN is not familiar with John's political history. There are more SHERMANS than SMITHS holding fat offices, and almost, if not quite, the entire number are indebted to JOHN for their positions. If SHERMAN were to be made President he would give every relative he could find some fat place. It can never be forgotten that JOHN SHERMAN has neglected the claims of many men, or child who bore him the slightest relationship by blood or marriage. In looking after his own he is a 'wast sight' better than an infidel."—*Sundays Register.*

We must defer to Ohio sources of information relating to Secretary SHERMAN; but this much our observation justifies us in saying: There are worse men in Ohio, and from Ohio than the Hon. JOHN SHERMAN. If he were from any other State he would have full an average record for personal and official worth.

SOME of the Copperhead religiousists of the North are rallying to the support of the President's non-partisan civil service order. Very naturally they favor it because of its imititious crippling of Republican resources and enhancement of Democratic strength. Notable among these pulpits-politicians is the Rev. Jacob TOTT, D. D., of Philadelphia, who made himself obsequiously "plenty" during President HAYES' recent trip to that city. He mixes up in a sacrilegious way the punishment accorded to spiritual and political transgressors by omnipotence and the Administration as follows:

"Since the facts of the future will remain the same, whatever we may think of them, that man is a dangerous teacher, who, on account of his rank, is the contrary, suspicious or ignorant of the awful nature of sterility. I might be bitterly opposed in my view to the President's order forbidding Government apprentices to take an active part in party politics, on pain of dismissal from office; but I would be a desirer, and an enemy of the very men whom I professed to despise, having read his views. Under my political campaign was not an offense and would not be punished by dismissal from office. I would have a perfect right to express my views in regard to the measure, but no right to suppress or deny the fact of dismissal from office for violation of the order. In like manner he only is a true friend of mankind who faithfully disobeys the law of his country, and, in doing so, no matter what his views and feelings in regard to future punishment may be. Whether he like it or not, if he finds it in the book, common honesty requires him to proclaim it as he sees it."

SOME person, who signs himself "SAM," and conceals his personality and responsibility behind that anonymous signet, has written a love letter that is more abusive than ornate in its expressions. We are sorry for "SAM," for the reason that he has sunk himself, as he is, in a very sneaking, cowardly act. He seems to be frantic with passion and boiling over with offensive words, simply because THE REPUBLICAN, as

a simple act of justice, called attention to the circumstances that the President had yielded obedience to the dictum of a Democratic investigator, and had suspended two employees of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, under an expressed suspicion on his part that something was wrong with them, and without specific charges to that effect. We regarded that act as involving serious injury to those employees, neither of whom we knew personally, and we promptly said so, with such comment as we thought the case justified. We have nothing to "call in that behalf. Now, if "SAM" will forth from his hiding-place and give interview of five minutes, we will take to convince him that he does not know what he is talking about; and further that he can never establish a character for manliness by writing abusive letters to those who may disagree with him in the matter of conducting a public journal and concealing himself behind a fictitious signature. Come up, "SAM," and let us confer together.

THE public is given to understand by the highest Democratic authority in Washington journalism that the Electoral Commission act was "blow to the legislative department, by stripping the House of its great constitutional rights and powers, and utterly polluting the judiciary by making it (the House) the chief instrument of this outrage upon justice"—meaning the declaration of the election of HAYES and WHEELER. If this isn't a fair illustration of the greedy capacity of the Democracy to eat dirt and swallow it without a grimace, we fail to comprehend its meaning. That the leading Democrat in Congress, Senator THURMAN, had as much to do with the creation of the Electoral Commission as any one else, is a fact beyond contradiction. At the same time Senator MORTON led the opposition to the scheme. He was followed, it is true, by numbers of Democrats in this opposition, but by an equal number of Republicans as well. The commission was therefore a non-partisan creation, or a partisan compromise at the most. But, after all that may be said, the Democrats of the House must be held responsible for the so-called outrage upon "its great constitutional rights and powers," for they were then, as they are now, in the majority in that body, and if any outrage or "stripping" was done was done by them.

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